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HEALTH DEPARTMENT DONATES PEDIATRIC VACCINE TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES

***Much-needed influenza vaccine to be administered to hundreds of
children on waiting lists***

Milwaukee – The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will hold a **press conference on Thursday, January 8, 2003** to announce the donation of several hundred doses of influenza vaccine received by the Department of Health and Family Services to local agencies. The Sixteenth Street Community Health Center has been identified as one of the local agencies to receive the additional vaccine. “This is a good example of public health working collaboratively with the agencies to meet the health needs of the community,” said Mayor Marvin Pratt. Through the allocation from DHFS, influenza vaccine will reach those high-risk individuals particularly children under the age of two with underlying chronic health conditions and have been on waiting lists for the vaccine. “Influenza type A activity is still wide-spread in Milwaukee, and we expect to see an increase in influenza type B within the coming weeks,” said Seth L. Foldy, M.D., Health Commissioner. “If you haven't been vaccinated yet this year, this is an excellent opportunity to protect yourself against influenza.” There will be no charge for the vaccine.

WHEN: January 8, 2004
WHAT: Press Conference
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
1032 S. 16th Street
Pediatric Waiting Room

SPEAKERS: Mayor Marvin Pratt
Seth L. Foldy, M.D., Health Commissioner
John Bartkowski, CEO, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center

Please note that the **Sixteenth Street Community Health Center will not be holding a flu clinic.** The flu clinic will be held by the MHD on January 8, 2003 at the Southside Health Center located at 1639 S. 23rd Street from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Additional information on the flu can be obtained by calling the flu hotline at 414-286-3616, by visiting the MHD website at www.milwaukee.gov/health, or by contacting your private health care provider.